stationery godown to the City or will they make some special arrangement to locate the Assistant Superintendent's office there instead of locating it elsewhere?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"The Government have been making attempts to retransfer it to the City so that it may be better supervised and better managed. Unfortunately, we are not able to arrange for the housing of these officers. The other suggestion made by the hon. Member will be considered."

Redistribution of inspection areas.

*93 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether redistribution of inspection areas and ranges have been effected recently, and, if so, on what basis such redistribution has been made and whether any retrenchment has been effected on that account?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"The Government sanctioned recently a scheme of redistribution of inspection areas and amalgamation of boys' and girls' ranges.

"The scheme was given effect to from 15th May 1948. All the elementary schools for girls which were under the control of the Inspectress of Girls' Schools were transferred to the District Educational Officers of the districts concerned. The girls' ranges were abolished and Muslim and Moplah ranges were abolished in districts where the regional language was the medium of instruction. In districts where Urdu was the language of instruction in elementary schools, the Muslim ranges have been converted into Urdu ranges and retained. Under the reorganized scheme there are no separate ranges for girls' schools. All elementary schools for boys and girls will be under the control of Deputy Inspectors who may be men officers or women officers. All schools are equally distributed betwen the officers. The inspecting officers in each taluk have been allotted with reference to the number of schools in the taluk. No retrenchment of inspecting officers or clerical personal has been effected, but 54 peons have been retrenched as the Sub-Assistant Inspectresses who had each two peons are now allowed only one peon after the amalgamation."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know whether this has led to the reduction of ranges of the Inspectresses of Girls' Schools?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"The schools have been divided into possible numbers in the places in which they exist and the average has been arrived at according to needs and that has been allowed to each of these inspectresses. There is no difference between inspectors and inspectresses so far as these ranges are concerned."

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" As these girls' schools have been transferred to the ordinary ranges, the Sub-Assistant Inspectresses of Schools who are asked to inspect the girls' schools will now be under the District Educational Officer. If so, what is the need for maintaining such a large number of Inspectresses of Girls' Schools? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Previously the number of schools which the Inspectress had to inspect was sometimes nearly one hundred but now that number has been reduced for the sake of efficiency."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I take it that there has been no retrenchment in regard to the Inspectresses of Girls' Schools? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " No, Sir."

K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I inform the Hon. Minister that on account of the amalgamation, there is a great difficulty so far as Muslim women teachers who observe purdah are concerned on account of the fact that male inspectors have to visit these Muslim girls' schools? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " No, Sir."

K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Sir, there has been some difficulty in Muslim girls' schools and the Muslim women teachers who observe purdah are feeling a great difficulty because male inspectors are inspecting their schools."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " There may be some schools like that. When such cases are brought to the notice, then inspectresses will be asked to inspect those schools. But, in a majority of schools, there is no difficulty and even in places like Malabar where there are many women teachers, there is no purdah in a majority of cases."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know how many such Muslim women teachers are there? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " The hon. Member must know better. He may put a separate question."

Admission to Agricultural Colleges.

*94 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to lay on the table of the House—

(*a*) a list of those who have been selected for admission to the Agricultural Colleges from the districts of Rayalaseema together with the marks obtained by them in their group subjects; and